

Amendments to the claims :

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-12 (Previously canceled)

Claim 13. (Currently amended) An optical cable ~~with continuous accessibility (1)~~ having optical fibers which can be accessed anywhere along the cable, comprising:

a closed protective sheath ~~(6)~~ surrounding a cavity ~~(5)~~ having in cross section two substantially perpendicular axes intersecting at the center of the cavity, each axis defining a width of the cavity, one width being wider than the other shorter width; and

at least two optical fibers ~~(3)~~ positioned lengthwise in the cable and arranged such that they occupy the greater part of the cavity along one in the direction of the wide width axis but that they allow a clearance in the cavity in the direction of the shorter width ~~along the other axis~~ of the cavity.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the fibers are organized in at least two optical modules ~~(2)~~ each one comprising at least one fiber surrounded by a thin film ~~(4)~~.

Claim 15-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the cavity has a shape selected in the group consisting of circular, oval and ovalized shapes.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 18, wherein the cavity has an ovalized shape.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sheath has a shape selected in the group consisting of circular, oval and ovalized shapes.

Claim 21. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 20, wherein the sheath has an ovalized shape.

Claim 22. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 20, wherein a wide width ~~the long axis~~ of the sheath coincides with the ~~long axis~~ wide width of the cavity.

Claim 23. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 13, comprising further a jacket ~~(11)~~ around the sheath.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sheath has at least one colored thread ~~(8a, 8b)~~.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sheath has at least one initiator ~~(9a, 9b)~~.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one initiator is colored ~~(10a, 10b)~~.

Claim 27. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sheath has a region of lower thickness.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 23, wherein the jacket has at least one colored thread ~~(8a, 8b)~~.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 23, wherein the jacket has at least one initiator ~~(9a, 9b)~~.

Claim 30. (Currently amended) The cable as claimed in claim 29, wherein at least one initiator is colored ~~(10a, 10b)~~.

Claim 31. (Previously presented) The cable as claimed in claim 23, wherein the jacket has a region of lower thickness.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1-2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1-2. In Figure 1, the lines corresponding to numeral references 2, 3 and 4 have been moved to correctly designate a module, an optical fiber and the film surrounding an optical fiber, respectively.

Attachment : Replacement sheet